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SUBJECT: CAPE VERDE POSITION ON KOREA AT 31ST UNGA

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SUMMARY: IN ATTEMPT BALANCE GRATITUDE FOR COMMUNIST
SUPPORT DURING PAIGC GUERRILLA STRUGGLE AND DESIRE TO
IMPROVE RELATIONS WITH US, GOCV HAS DECIDED NOT RPT
NOT TO CO-SPONSOR HOSTILE RESOLUTION. ALGHOUGH CAPE
VERDE REMAINS COMMITTED TO VOTE FOR HOSTILE RESOLUTION,
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GOCV CONSIDERING CHARGES REQUEST SWITCH FROM OPPOSITION

TO ABSTENTION ON FRIENDLY RESOLUTION.

1. DURING BRIEF VISIT PRAIA SEPT 10-11, CHARGE MADE LENGTHY DEMARCH ON KOREAN ISSUE BASED ON TALKING, POINTS REFTELS TO ACTING FORMIN& MIN ECONOMY OSVALDO LOPES DA SILVA. DA SILVA ALSO MEMBER FOUR MAN PERMANENT SECRETARIAT CAPE VERDEAN RULING PARTY AND AS SUCH IS ONE OF COUNTRY'S POLICY MAKERS. KOREAN QUESTION ALSO DISCUSSED WITH MOFA NUMBER TWO DOS RIES AND AMBASSADOR CORSINO FORTES WHO WILL BE MEMBER CAPE VERDE DELEGATION. GENERAL TENOR REACTION WAS SYMPATHETIC WITH ALL STRESSING GOCV IMPROVE RELATIONS WITH US AND AVOID TYPE OF CONFRONTATION INHERENT IN HOSTILE RESOLUTION. DA SILVA PARTICULARLY IMPRESSED BY ARGUMENT HOSTILE RESOLUTION THIS YEAR MUCH WORSE THAN IN PAST BASED ON RESOLUTIONS NOTING AUG. 5 N. KOREAN STATEMENT. HE ASSURED CHARGE GOCV WOULD NOT COSPONSOR.

2. CHARGE NOTED THIS STILL LEFT CAPE VERDE IN POSITION SEEMINGLY RATHER MORE ALIGNED THAN NON ALIGNED AND SUGGESTED GOCV ABSTAIN ACROSS THE BOARD ON WHOLE ISSUE. BACKSTEPPING, DA SILVA GAVE LONG EXPLANATION QUOTE DIFFICULT POSITION UNQUOTE GOCV FOUND ITSELF IN BECAUSE OF PRESSURES FROM COMMUNIST COUNTRIES WHICH HAD BEEN KEY SUPPORTERS DURING GUERRILLA STRUGGLE AND - TO WHICH PAIGC FELT GENUINELY GRATEFUL. MOREOVER, AS A MATTER OF PRINCIPLE, GOCV OPPOSED TO PRESENCE OF FOREIGN TROOPS ANYWHERE AND THUS TO US PRESENCE IN SOTH KOREA. GOCV WOULD, THEREFORE, HAVE TO VOTE IN FAVOR HOSTILE RESOLUTION. CHARGE NOTED TI DID NOT NECESSARILY FOLLOW THAT GOCV SHOULD THEREFORE VOTE AGAINST FRIENDLY RESOLUTION AND DA SILVA, AFTER CAREFUL STUDY FRENCH TEXT RESOUTUON PROVIDED BY CHARGE, FOUND NO OBJECTIONS TO RESOLUTION AND STATED AN ABSTENTION WAS POSSIBLE. HE DECLINED TO COMMIT HIMSELF TO THIS HOWEVER, SAYING IT REQUIRED FURTHER STUDY.

3. COMMENT: GOCV FEELS IT HAS ALREADY GONE SOME DISTANCE OUR DIRECTION IN RESITING COMMUNIST PRESSURES TO CO-SPONSOR AS WELL AS IN TAKING A POSITION SOMEWHAT CONFIDENTIAL

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DIFFERENT FORM GUINEA-BISSA WHICH GOVERNED BY SAME POLITICAL PARTY. THERE SOME POSSIBILITY HOWEVER CAPE VERDE WILL ABSTAIN ON FRIENDLY RESOLUTION DEPENDING ON LEVEL COUNTER-VAILING PRESSURES.

4. FOR USUN: CAPE VERDE DELEGATION TO 31ST UNGA WILL CONSIST, IN PART, OF AMB TO US VARELA, AMB TO PORTUGAL FORTES AND MOFA CHIEF ASIA, AFRICA AND

OCEANIA DEPT. ANTONIO PEDRO LIMA. DECISION ON DELEGATION CHIEF AWAITS RETURN FORMIN DUARTE WHO HAS BEEN ABSENT OVER 6 WEEKS FOR EYE OPERATION IN E.GERMANY. DUARTE WILL NOT ATTEND. BOTH VARELA (REFTEL B) AND FORTES ARE INEXPERIENCED DIPLOMATS SYMPATHETIC TO US, FORTES HAS NEVER VISITED US AND EXPRESSED CONCERN TO CHARGE ABOUT HEAVY PRESSURE HE FEARED HE WOULD BE SUBJECTED TO AS NOVICE DELEGATE. USUN WILL FIND BOTH THESE GENTLEMEN OPEN TO US AND WITHIN THE LIMITES THEIR INSTRUCTIONS PROBABLY WILLING TO BE HELPFUL. THEY ALSO PLAN, HOWEVER, TO REPLY ON OLD FRIEND GIL FERNANDES FOR HELPFUL HINTS. FYI: FORTES SPEAKS FRENCH, PLAYS TENNIS, IS A VEGETARIAN AND MAY CONTACT USUN KATZEN.

5. FOR DEPT: EXMERALDO DOS REIS, DIR CENTRAL ADMIN OF MOFA (NUMBER 2 POSTION) PLANS VISIT WASHINGTON AROUND SEPT 21 IN CONNECTION GOCV PLANS OPEN CONGEN IN BOSTON. SUGGEST DEPT MAY WISH RAISE KOREA AND/OR OTHER UN ISSUES WITH DOS REIS WHO REGARDED BY PORTUGESE AMB AS AMONG MOST PRO WEST CAPE VERDEANS. HE IS EMINENCE GRISE GOCV FOREIGN POLICY AND IS VERY CLOS PERSONAL FRIEND PM PIRES.

6. FOR DEPT AND USUN: SHOULD COURSE OF EVENTS IN NY REQUIRE FURTHER DEMARCHE IN PRAIA, REQUEST BEAR IN MIND COMMUNICATIONS AND TRANSPORTAION PROBLEMS WITH BISSUA. ANY INSTRUCTIONS WHICH MUST BE CARRIED OUT WITHIN 10 DAYS SHOULD BE SENT UNCLASSIFIED RPT UNCLASSIFIED AND CAPTIONED QUOTE DAKAR PASS BY RADIO BISSAU UNQUOTE.
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